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Addendum

1. As indicated in paragraph 28 of my main report, dated 21 August 1998, I wish to inform the Security Council that the costs for the transportation and support assets, as well as the deployment of United Nations electoral observers and additional United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (MINURCA) troops for a two-and-a-half-month period under the proposed options 1 and 2 indicated in paragraphs 24 and 25 of my main report would amount to $6.3 million and $3.8 million, respectively.

2. Option 1 provides for the deployment of an additional 300 troops to be deployed to the six selected provincial sites, together with 150 troops from the current MINURCA military component, for a total of 450 troops. They would need to be supported by 42 additional staff (24 international and 18 local staff). In addition, a total of 14 medium-term electoral observers would be required, to be deployed four weeks before the date of the first round of polling, for a total of two months. They would be followed by 80 short-term electoral observers, who would join the medium-term observers two or three days before the first round of polling.

3. Option 2 provides for the deployment of a maximum of 250 current MINURCA troops to the six selected sites, complemented by 150 Forces armées centrafricanes troops, for a total strength of 400 troops, to be supported by the same number of civilian personnel and electoral observers required under option 1.

4. A breakdown of the requirements of both options by main categories of expenditure is provided for information purposes in the annex to the present addendum.

5. Should the Security Council decide to expand the mandate of MINURCA to include assistance to the electoral process in the Central African Republic, it would be my recommendation to the General Assembly that the related cost should be considered an expense of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

Annex

Cost estimates for assistance to the electoral process in the Central African Republic for a period of two and a half months

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Description	Option 1	Option 2
1. Military personnel costs	1 615.0	22.0
2. Civilian personnel costs	1 243.0	1 242.0
3. Premises/accommodations	50.0	42.0
4. Infrastructure repairs	65.0	65.0
5. Transport operations	276.0	252.0
6. Air operations	1 266.0	1 266.0
7. Naval operations	–	–
8. Communications	505.0	471.0
9. Other equipment	294.0	247.0
10. Supplies and services	202.0	104.0
11. Election-related supplies and services	–	–
12. Public information programmes	–	–
13. Training programmes	–	–
14. Mine-clearing programmes	–	–
15. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	–	–
16. Air surface and freight	720.0	5.0
17. Staff assessment	82.0	82.0
Total	6 318.0	3 798.0